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The following quote can be attributed to Representative Edward J. Markey (D-MA):

“There are widespread reports that Sinclair Broadcasting intends to pre-empt regularly scheduled programming in order to air a one-sided, 90-minute, anti-John Kerry propaganda film. In April, this same company decided not to air ABC programming honoring the soldiers who have recently been killed in Iraq, calling it “motivated by a political agenda.” Now Sinclair is claiming that well-publicized activities that are over 30 years old are today’s “news.” This is extraordinary. I believe the FCC must act quickly to ascertain whether such content and such conduct by a broadcaster conforms with the law. Broadcasters receive licenses to use the public’s airwaves on the condition that they serve the public interest.”